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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

FOR "H"

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CODEL DIGGS TO  
MS. JOAN WILLOUGHBY, OFFICE OF REP. CHARLES DIGGS, JR.,  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASH., D.C. 20515.

QUOTE

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING CABLE, ALONG WITH THE  
PRESS RELEASE CONTAINING THE EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THE DAVIS NOMINATION TO EACH  
OF THE FOLLOWING IN BOTH THEIR WASHINGTON AND DISTRICT  
OFFICES:  
WASHINGTON OFFICE ON AFRICA, 110 MARYLAND AVE., N.E. (546-7961)

SENATOR HUMPHERY (ATTN.: MARINNE ALBERTSON IN WASHINGTON OFFICE)

SENATOR GALE MCGEE (ATTN: DICK MCCALL IN WASHINGTON OFFICE)

SENATOR JACOB JAVITS

SENATOR EDWARD BROOK

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY  
(ATTN.: BOB BATES IN WASHINGTON OFFICE)

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REP. CHARLES RANGEL

(ATTN.: GEORGE DALLEY IN WASHINGTON OFFICE)

REP. MICHAEL HARRINGTON

I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT CONFIRMATION HEARINGS ON  
NATHANIEL DAVIS' NOMINATION AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
STATE FOR AFRICA ARE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

AT EVERY STOP ON MY CURRENT STUDY MISSION TO AFRICA,  
AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE VOICED THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO  
THIS NOMINATION. IT IS CLEAR THAT, WITH THE OPPOSITION  
OF THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC DENOUNCEMENT  
BY A LEADER OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S STATURE OF THE DAVIS  
NOMINATION, MR. DAVIS, QUALIFICATIONS NOTWITHSTANDING,  
WOULD FIND IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE EFFECTIVELY TO WORK  
WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES. I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT  
THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD INSIST UPON THE NOMINATION OF AN  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ANY OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL REGION IF  
THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED WERE AS STRONGLY OPPOSED AS IS THE  
CASE WITH THE DAVIS NOMINATION.

IF THE ADMINISTRATION PERSISTS ON "STONEWALLING" THIS  
APPOINTMENT, IT DOES SO AT THE RISK OF FURTHER DETRIMENT  
TO U.S. RELATIONS WITH AFRICA -- A CONTINENT WITH VAST  
RESOURCES OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES.  
FURTHERMORE, THIS WOULD BE ADDITIONAL INDICATION OF U.S.  
INSENSITIVITY AND, INDEED INDIFFERENCE, TO AFRICAN CONCERNS --  
AS ISSUE WITH CONSIDERABLE IMPLICATIONS BEYOND THE DAVIS  
NOMINATION.

I URGE YOUR ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE CONFIRMATION OF  
THIS APPOINTMENT.

CHARLES C. DIGGS. UNQUOTE  
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